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Dear Milton,

This is in response to your letter regarding Dottie Barboni's cabin. I really believe it is very important for the Mineral King District Association to bring as much pressure as possible at this time, and it should be done officially, as well as by the individual members. If you have the authority to speak for the board without taking a vote on the following suggestions, I am sure you are right that we do not need to have a board meeting at this time. However, I believe anything you do would carry more weight if you could say, "It is the unanimous decision of the board..." or "The board has voted to ..." I think it is very important to write a number of letters immediately. Since the Forest Service is basing much of its decision on the fact that Disney is not going to allow parking in the store/post office area next summer, if we could get Disney to change this decision, there would be less excuse for the Forest Service to carry out its decision. I really think this is very important, as Bruton Peterson and I have already contacted Robert Hicks at Disney and he seems truly concerned about the Barboni situation. I think if he heard that the board was unanimously concerned, he might change his decision. He is a member of the Mineral King District Association, too, and I think he would like to be on a friendly basis with the other cabin owners. Also, it is very important to Disney to have good public relations.

I believe we should write the following to Disney (Bob Hicks with a copy to E. Cardon Walker and Congressman Krebs):

1. Write Bob Hicks officially requesting that they reconsider their decision to close the store/post office area for public parking. Perhaps offer to place some garbage cans about the property and offer to maintain them or request that the Forest Service place garbage cans on their land bordering the Disney property.
2. Offer to contact the cabin owners in the vicinity of that area to determine their complaints about the public parking in that area since Disney says they are eliminating the parking there because of complaints of cabin owners that driveways are sometimes blocked. (I do not know the names and addresses of those cabin owners. Perhaps you do. Certainly Bob Hicks does) I am sure if they realized Mrs. Barboni was going to lose her cabin because of their complaints, we might be able to work with them to eliminate their objections and they could request Disney to change the decision.
3. Offer to help Disney develop the dump for parking in place of the store/post office area. Disney is very sensitive about this issue and does not want it to appear that Mrs. Barboni is to lose her cabin because of them.

We should write the Forest Service (Mr. Leasure with copies to Douglas Leisz and Congressman John Krebs)

1. Insist on a reply to the offer of the MKDA to help develop other parking areas. This offer was made several years ago, and we have never had a definite response. We should have a written response to each point in our alternate plan. This response or lack of it should certainly be noted in the information the MKDA submits to Mrs. Barboni's file in her case.
2. We should insist on an environmental impact report on the proposed parking area.

3 I believe all of these letters should be sent either by you or by our secretary. (I do not know who the secretary is.) But it is precisely for situations like this that we have the association and I feel strongly we should take official action. We could have a board meeting via a conference phone call

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situations such as this that we have the association and I feel strongly we should take official action. We could have a board meeting via a conference phone call and eliminate the time and expense of actually getting together. I do not have the phone numbers of all the board members, nor do I even know who all of them are, but I have checked on the cost of a conference call for four people, in Los Angeles, Three Rivers, Oakhurst and Exeter. It is $4.75 for the first three minutes and $1.15 for each additional minute. I believe for $10 or $15 we could accomplish quite a bit. The conference call is available 24 hours a day so we could do it after working hours. We can set it up in advance and the operator will call each person a day ahead to notify them of the time.

I am glad to writeletters for the MKDA and to do typing and Ron Kennedy will Xerox anything for the cost of paper. Perhaps a mail poll of the membership would be helpful, although I really do not think we have time for that. I would be glad to work on a questionaire for cabin owners if you like. Regardless of what we do, I think it is important to act promptly. It is doubly important for letters to be sent by someone other than myself and Bruton because we have already done so.

Sincerely,

Jean Koch

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PS I am also getting a legal opinion about "Implied Dedication" which might apply to the Disney post/office/store area. This is a concept in which, if private land has been used by the public for a certain purpose for many years, (as has the store/post office area) and the owners try to prohibit the public's use of that land, the people can, by court procedure prohibit the owner from banning its use of the land. I have contacted one attorney who says he feels quite certain that the situation would come under the "Implied Dedication" concept and I will get more details from an attorney he referred me to. Perhaps even the threat of a further lawsuit would be enough tomake Disney change its mind about banning parking. If you would care to check with anattorney also, the precedent for "Implied Dedication" is Gion vs. City of Santa Cruz, 2nd Cal 3rd 29 1970.

cc: Dottie Barboni
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(Please send a copy of this letter on to Fran Wallace, as I do not know her address=) Excuse the messy typing. This is in haste.

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